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GEMS FOR DAILY LIVING

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"Verily, verily I say unto you, he that HEARS my word, and believes HIM that sent me, HAS everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment; but IS passed out from the death into Life .

Verily, verily I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall HEAR the voice of The SON of GOD: and they that HEAR SHALL LIVE!"

—JESUS (Jhn 5:24-25).

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To countless Christians who wait for glory
and hope for joys beyond this life;
who toil in patience daring to believe
(the silken rustle of tomorrow's portals),
this work is reverently dedicated
that TODAY life may be enriched
by treasures rare, and hearts o'erspill
with joys here.

— The author.

Reference

TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED HEREIN, AND THRU- OUT OTHER WORKS BY MIKKEL DAHL

"THOT" as shortened form for thought.
BROT = brought; WROT = wrought; OT = ought.
THO = though; ALTHO = although;
THRU = through; THRUOUT = throughout.
THORO = thorough; THOROLY = thoroughly;
ENUF = enough; RUF = rough; LAF = laugh.

Our full and inane spelling has been retained
in such words as sought, caught, et cetera ,
to avoid confusion with other words.

(.) Periods for abbreviations omitted.

"A V" refers to Authorized version.

O T = Old Testament; N T = New Testament

Gr used for Greek.

A M used for anno mortality: that is, for the
time of Adam's "sin", or about 4000 B. C.

All CHRONOLOGY references herein are bas-
ed on the Masoretic text (which is the one em-
ployed thruout the text of the A V).

(*) Asterisks used to set off for special attention.

PORT OF ENTRY TO THE 'KINGDOM'

- * "Then said Jesus unto them again: 'Verily, verily I say
- * unto you, I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP.....A L L
- * that ever came before me are thieves and robbers; but
- * the sheep did not hear them.....I AM THE DOOR: by me
- * if any man enter in, he shall be saved; and shall go in
- * AND OUT, and find pasture!'" - John 10:6-9.

2 THIS is an ideal passage on which to FOUND a message of "salvation." But most - if not all - of my readers "KNOW THE WAY." I propose, therefore, to come CLOSER TO HOME! Not to talk to you about getting "life eternal," but rather LIVING FOR ETERNITY! NOT how to have LIFE IN CHRIST, but rather how life should be LIVED FOR CHRIST!

Yet first let me be brutally frank with some of you! ALL of you who have been students for 2 months or more, have seen how EVERY WORD of the Nazarene distills into the twofold essence of TRUTH and PROPHECY, with never a word amiss or unessential. And you older students have also seen how His very life was not only the fulfilment of prophecy, but also the CENTRAL THEME of Jewish rites and worship, as well as the INbuilt prophetic factor of both the Wilderness Tabernacle as well as the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. Is it then reasonable that such a One

would deliberately lie to mislead the people? How preposterous! Yet so many of you have so long been fed on saue words, on empty platitudes, and hopped up on atrocious fabrications by which you have been deluded to believe that He was NOT "the DOOR!" And many of you have - more or less - swallowed the lie that He was but "one of many"! Yet He said that "all that ever came before me were thieves and robbers!" And some of you have been hoaxed thru "metaphysical" bunko and the "Science" of this and that, to believe that we should substitute the word "love" for the CHRIST, thus making out that there is no FACTUAL DOOR, but merely a figure of speech; that we eliminate a factual DOOR by entering into an emotional 'I love ALL' illusion.

What! Was THE CENTRAL FACTOR of rites, worship, prophecy; of the Tabernacle and the Pyramid too dishonest to mean what He said? Or had He not the intelligence to say what He meant?.. He talked MUCH of "love." He defined its meaning and scope; declared its earmarks and detailed its objective and value. Wherefore, if we think ourselves learned, let us not be as the thieves and robbers before Him by pronouncing His Truths a lie! EVERY good house has a door; every Kingdom has a Port of Entry! Delude not yourself that the Kingdom of Heaven is different. Nor that His Kingdom ON EARTH will be any different. Wherefore, be not blind to THE DOOR!

My chief thot for the moment is "the gospel of our FEET!" Momentarily we have dwelled on the namby-pamby of love-love-love! Others think that their chief concern should be that of Church MEMBERSHIP, or regular attendance at church; or maybe the regular partaking of sacraments and the observance of rites. But when once on the outside of the church the life one lives is not so important!

To all of this He said: "I AM THE DOOR" and, "I AM THE WAY! 'NO ENTRANCE can be effected thru tokens, emblems, relics or mumbo-jumbo, but only thru HIM! And those who wish (or hope) to there enter are NOW - and every day - on that road which leads thereto. Of THAT road He spoke: "I AM THE WAY!" Wherefore, it is stupid blindness and rank folly to imagine that life OUTSIDE the church is UNimportant! How can we separate the type of life He LIVED from Himself? THAT life,

said He, was and is the WAY (to the Kingdom)

I have been on evangelistic tours. I have gone to country homes and I have rung door bells. More often than not the excuse I hear for people not wishing to attend church lies in the fact that so many of those who do attend, live a daily life which DISCREDITS "the WAY"! Altho this is an extremely faulty perspective (for, He came to save SINNERS, not the righteous!), nevertheless, it brings home to us the TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE of the daily life WE LIVE! The WAY in which we walk: the gospel of our FEET!

Are YOU a church member? Good! Do you attend church regularly? Wonderful! But KNOW then, and know assuredly that YOU ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE! You are A LIVING EPISTLE of "the WAY" - for a wonderful testimony, or for a black eye! YOUR daily life is a glorious testimony of THE WAY and what the Spirit of Jesus Christ will do for those who truly accept Him (DEEP into their heart). Or, it shouts aloud to all who know you that it is but a sham and mockery from which the irreligious but HONEST will flee!

I know of a gospel Minister whose word isn't worth two bits! Of him, said another man to me, "I wouldn't even call him a Christian!" I know a man who once was sincerely religious and active in church work, but now hasn't attended for 15 years or more! Why? Because a minister whom he idolized failed to live up to his high calling in Jesus Christ: that shock to his inner man upset his spiritual equilibrium and he swore off all churches!.... At one time in my own Christian experience I "backslid." WHY? Because of wickedness in the outside world? NO! But because the Minister and "field Supervisor" of the one and only organized church in which I ever had membership, demonstrated their religion IN church and their UNchristianity outside the Church!

At one time I contemplated ministerial work under the banner of another church organization. But I had to travel to a far city to see its "District Superintendent." Before going I became somewhat curious, and sought guidance. As I looked I saw a man I knew not. Close by and almost bending over him stood the devil while the man was very busy at work. In the great distance - almost on the horizon - I saw the Christ ASCENDING! --- The message was difficult to RECEIVE; I couldn't fully accept it; so GO

I must! In the late evening I arrived,. This minister and "superintendent" I located in the church basement, busily engaged in fixing up seats for a church "dinner" in the near offing. Decidedly reluctant was he to spare me one minute (for Christ's sake)! Had I not been DETERMINED to secure the information for which I went, the trip would have been entirely fruitless! THEN I commenced to understand the influence of his Satanic Majesty I had seen bending over him, and WHY I had seen the Christ ascending - at a great distance!

Beloved, what sermon have your FEET preached this day?

You need not be a Priest nor a Gospel Minister to preach a sermon! Your feet, your hands are constantly at it!

Therefore said the Christ: "Ye are the light of the world, A city that is set on an hill CANNOT BE HID!" (Mtt. 5; 14)

You are SHINING to illuminate the life of others and DRAW THEM TO CHRIST; but if that "light" which is in you is DARKNESS; then your "sermons" cause many to stumble, and reject the Christ Who died for them!

Yet comes the plaintive excuse: "We are but human; we are full of error and weakness; wherefore, we cannot be PERFECT examples!"

THEREFORE said the Christ: "--he shall be saved; and shall go IN and OUT and FIND PASTURE!"

He was speaking of SHEEP unto which He compared HUMANS who accepted Him as the DOOR and the WAY UNTO LIFE!

Previously have I shown you in numerous ways how HIS EVERY WORD WAS (and IS) IMPORTANT; how ALL symbolism used conformed to the pattern to portray in detail and beauty the glory of Truth's iridescence!

Sheep are RUMINANT. They graze all day (shall go out to find pasture). And at its close they COME IN to rest and chew the cud!

Do YOU? If not, WHY NOT? It is one of His very VITAL COMMANDS!

From morning till night we are out farming, trucking, merchandising, selling, or what-not for our livelihood. We brush up against harsh facts and we have concourse with people. We ACT

and we REact. We listen; we talk; we have experiences. ALL of this is being OUT of Him and "finding pasture." This world is the PASTURE! All our experiences and contacts and deeds and thots and feelings constitute the GRAZING. And, since He made the comparison between sheep and ourselves, we MUST emulate the sheep. We must become RUMINANT! Like the sheep we must at close of day lift up the quickly gathered fodder of experience to break it up into very small and assimilable portions. We chew it over and over to extract its GOOD. Then it goes into the proper stomach to yield its strength and sustenance.....Are you ruminant? Are you HONEST with yourself in correctly assessing the MOTIVATION for this and that which you did today? Dare you look under the surface to see yourself as God does see you? Have you checked on the language you used thruout the day? Did it consistently dignify the Savior you profess? Have you checked on the Truth of your statements? Or were you full of guile and your mouth of deceit? Have you checked on your experiences - to ascertain their WHYS? Have you honestly scrutinized your conduct (and lack of it) as seen by others, in order to estimate the IMPACT of the "sermon" you have preached this day?

3 True, you/we cannot very well be PERFECT examples, yet it is a fairly simple and easy matter to be HONEST; to be TRUTHFUL; to be considerate of others. SINCERITY is easy to live! KINDNESS is like unto an oil which lubricates the machine of your daily grind that its previous growl may transform to a melody. UNSELFISHNESS is a joy to live, for, unless your heart is stone you will rejoice in the JOY your unselfishness brings to others! HONESTY is a must, for treachery adds but another warp to your own soul which will - sooner or later - catapult you into grief and disillusionment! TRUTH is the Pattern from above; distortion the one from beneath: either of which will mould your life unto grief and despair or success and joy triumphant.

GOODNESS, Truth and Righteousness - these are no idle sentiments, but factual VERITIES IN THE BEING OF GOD: to which if a man will conform, it shall lift him from the failure and commonplace to that of A PRINCE OF GOD, CAUSED TO RIDE THE HIGH PLACES OF THE EARTH!

Wherefore He commanded us to look unto the SHEEP, that at the close of the day's grazing we should again COME INTO HIM to - honestly and sincerely break up fine the day's experience and expression - FOR THE GOOD OF OUR SOUL and future growth!

Maybe you wonder why you aren't making a greater success - financially and otherwise... Maybe you wonder why your spiritual development is no faster than it is... Perhaps you grieve because you are not a spiritual giant, master over every condition and propensity.....

We are sheep said the Lord. Not only to find LIFE in Him, but to again go out into the world for PASTURE. And having found it, to again return INTO HIM that the spiritual essence of the day's grazing may be fully appropriated!

THIS DO faithfully over a period of time, and soon you shall perceive added spiritual stature! It is not what VISIONS you may have or fail to have which counts, but rather the VISION BEAUTIFUL - implemented into your daily life! It is not the VOICES you hear within or fail to hear within which are so important, but rather the VOICE OF GOD speaking thru you which others hear! And for the moment it is not so terrifically important the amount of money or property you are accumulating, but much rather that wealth of treasure within which others have clearly beheld this day wrote out in the life you lived!

To THIS end, and the hastening of our PERFECTION, did He tell us that we are but ruminant SHEEP - which hear His voice and follow Him !

Of necessity - perhaps - you must work to live. But is that the sole motivation? Or do you REJOICE to meet the day as another opportunity in His school of experience to clean and polish the jewel of your soul that its true lustre may breathe forth? Do your joy shouts ring out at every obstacle and hurdle to be made - in the knowledge that these were graciously given by God for YOUR GOOD?

Become RUMINANT and follow Him to the end that well-springs of His Truth uprising deep within shall overflow to the refreshing of many lives now parched in the spiritually arid belts of this world's wilderness of rebellion and sin. SO BE IT.

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"THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH".

No. 2

Christ withheld from the people

*And they brot young children to Him that He should touch
*them, and His disciples rebuked those that brot them
*But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said
*unto them: "SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME
*UNTO ME, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom
*of God. In TRUTH I tell you: Whosoever shall not receive
*the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter
*therein!" - Mark 10:14-15

The disciples REBUKED the parents who brot their little ones to Jesus, that He might touch and bless them. Ever since have those with a spiritually parental LOVE, sought to bring little ones to Jesus. Yet as much as it has been within the power of His especially chosen down thru the ages, so much have they rebuked and tried to prevent the Lord's blessing to be given the LITTLE ones!

Has human nature changed? NO! In His days, children were too young, and women also lacked the understanding to enter into the service of God. It had to be received by the men and elders; by them more fully explained to the women, who in turn would inculcate it in the growing children.

But the LAST Supper came; the betrayal was wrot; the Cross set up and the atoning blood was let - thru intensified suffering - unto the ENTIRE WORLD; that unto and upon ALL THE LITTLE ONES it might come FREELY to cleanse, to BLESS and to UPlift; that no longer should any power on earth or in hell withhold CLEANSING and LIFE and JOY from any of the least of His for whom He left the GLORY ineffable, providing the OPEN means unto all. Tho a sojourn in "the wilderness" it entailed; tho limitations were His (to know) as much as yours and mine; tho He knew the dread horror and agony of Darkness' hour, yet He said to His: "That the world may KNOW I LOVE THE FATHER -----Arise! let us go hence!" THAT He said when the Last Supper was over with utter unconcern (of consequences) going resolutely to meet His appointment with Divine foreordination - to the end that ALL LITTLE ONES might receive unhindered of His LIFE and BLESSING - time without end ... Amen.

As it was in the days of conceited followers, so has it ever been

since, and still is! THAT is why ORGANIZATIONS were set up to "LIMIT the Holy One of Israel"; to shoo off the children and to throttle that LIFE which God Almighty commanded to go forth! And what are those "organizations" of which I speak? Today we call them "Churches"!

But 'twas God Almighty at the helm, and still within the hand of Christ the POWER abides; wherefore, LIFE GOES FORTH!! SHOUT, beloved, for the scheming-in-folly by man shall fail, but Christ TRIUMPHANT shall gather in the last and the least of the straying to rejoice forevermore in LIFE SUPERABUNDANT.

Thruout the hour of PERSECUTION the Church of Christ (a SPIRITUAL organism) LIVED and wrot triumphantly "with SIGNS following." THEN went missionaries to many lands - driven and upheld by the SPIRIT OF GOD - to break afresh the BREAD OF LIFE to His LITTLE ones. THUS spread the light of the 7-pronged LIGHT-stand - wrot by SPIRIT - hammered out of ONE (1=LIFE) talent of GOLD (Spirit).

But THEN dawned the day of Christianity becoming a RECOGNIZED faith, and persecution ceased. THEN did His followers come into the open. THEN did they commence building edifices! THEN did greater sums of money become desirable. THEN were schemes hatched to swell the financial intake. THEN "organization" was implemented that the efforts of many (people) might be CHANNELLED to one common objective. From man's perspective, this may appear good, yet God sees it as a rejection of His own Spirit! THEN did man make agreements with vested Powers to safe-guard its own structural (organized) works. In the sight of man, THIS WAS good and sound; yes, it was even shrewd! But in the sight of God it was ADULTERY. Wherefore, the previously shimmering virgin in vestal light was stripped of her mantle and raiment, becoming - in His sight - a woman of the world! She was shorn of Spirit-POWER. When the POWER was gone, she resorted to showmanship and psychology. Beautiful and costly edifices and fine trappings to produce EFFECT and create an IMPRESSION; Human names were glorified; "saints" were created; and to foster their memory and make them more approachable, "images" and statues were fashioned to appeal to man's carnality. When man is short on faith, "a bird in hand is worth two (or more) in the bush." Similarly with an invisible God versus statues and images which can be seen and handled.

THEN came the day of LITTLE ones famished, starved on the malnutrition of rites and ceremonies. THEN came the reaching out to The Master for a blessing and LIFE. THEN came the throtling by means of temporal power established, and vested in the "organization." STOP that upstart! He is but an HERETIC! He must not live - to lead others astray! THEN sprung up rivulets which grew to surging streams of human blood - shed in the name of Jesus Christ: murdered victims whom He came to SAVE thru His agonized life and blood!.... Yet let Protestants ALSO remember our identity - and mother. Let us not forget that we - even as the second beast coming out of the earth - SPOKE WITH THE VOICE OF THE DRAGON. Are you a Protestant? If "yes", then acquaint yourself with the gory pages of Protestant history! Since Luther, what greater names have we then that of John Calvin? And yet when the spirit of "protestantism" rose up in Michael Servetus - who trembled not at the "theology" of Calvin - he had to pay with his life! Murdered by the Roman Church? But NO! By the very "elect" of the young Protestant church! For it was John Calvin himself who reached out the murderous hand to ferret out Servetus; by means far more brazenly murderous than those of Caiaphas! Calvin wanted him shot...But his cronies in blood-stealth thot Michael Servetus would barbecue better. So the faggots were lit. And on the wings of the rising flame was carried the soul of another LITTLE one of His.....

Today the Roman Catholic church is self-confident, saying: "We are rich and have need of nothing!" (Rev. 3:17), yet its pages of history are steeped in the blood of murdered multitudes! (These are FACTS of history which can be talked against but never disproven.) While Protestants have been nurtured in contempt for the Catholics; instilled with the "I am better than thou" concept until we have become smug in the inflation of our ego, and lukewarm (to God) at heart.

Let the Protestant remember: it is NOT our Protestant Church which has Christianized our Governments, but rather our Governments (Civil POWERS) which have civilized our Churches (both Protestant and Catholic)!! It was the Spirit of Christ which had touched the heart of men here and there, and some in high office, THESE - under the regenerating power of His Spirit - wrot to establish laws to the SAFEGUARDING OF HUMAN LIFE against the blood-thirsty tyranny of PROTESTANT Churches as well as the Catholic.

* "And John answered Him, saying: 'Master, we saw
 * one casting out devils in thy name, and he followed
 * not us; and WE FORBAD HIM - because he followed
 * not us.'....And Jesus Said: 'Forbid him NOT, f o r
 * there is no man which shall do a miracle i n m y
 * name, that can lightly speak evil of me.... F O R
 * HE THAT IS NOT AGAINST US, IS ON OUR PART.'
 * - Jhn 9:38-40.

Human nature has not changed! The disciples reprimanded, and stopped people to bring little ones to Jesus; John and his fellows at once commanded an Exorcist to stop relieving people of demon possession - because he had not joined their group! THUS has it ever been since. Therefore the 'INQUISITION'; therefore the seas of human blood - the blood of tender LITTLE ones in Him - let by the murderous hand of man, all in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior! Therefore the lighted stake for Servetus; therefore also mounted to high Heaven the fragrant sacrifice of William Tyndale in 1536, and John Rogers in 1555. Even to this very day most Protestant churches will not have anyone speak therein unless He carries the proper credentials from their Head Office. Even in such latter-day "Movements" as the Pentecostal - which with loud and many words claim to have FULLY received His Spirit, they require that one "speak in tongues" in order to be fit to proclaim the Word of God! Yet I know of one such "tongue" babbler not too far from here, and of recent years, who occasioned the pregnancy of a virgin of his congregation; gave her \$40 and asked her to leave town! (He was also a married man living with his wife!) The court of our land found him guilty as charged!

"FOLLOW US" has been the sentiment from the extremes of crass idolatry and wanton commercialism to the hysteria and pandemonium of 'tongue' jabber in the Halleluish mad-houses.....(Maybe it is here in place to observe: I am persuaded of God's Power, and how He commissioned His followers; yet because the "signs" are entirely lacking, I cannot concede that the Catholic Priesthood has any of its power today, nor any of the RIGHTS which go with THAT POWER. Similarly am I persuaded that the 120 in the Upper Room spake in 'tongues'; that the "gift of tongues" was again shed forth at the opening of this century resulting in the mushrooming of the Pentecostal Movement. But today it is mostly hysteria and parrot gibberish. And because it will not stand up to investigation and yield the "signs" - of the GENUINE article -

I must reject it in its modern phase of blah-blah...)

HOW then, has God been at the helm? WHY the Truth-hiding rites and ceremonialism of some churches, and the confusion thru multitudinous voices in the Protestant world? Why the hysteria and pandemonium in other Movements in place of the ecstasy of His Spirit and POWER at the spoken Word?

The answer is two-fold. From man's perspective, it is because they were denuded of POWER, substituting the works of the flesh to take its place. From God's perspective, He beheld the END from the beginning; therefore permitted it all as a matter of spirit EXPEDIENCY!The early Church had the POWER and the zeal of Spirit-Fire. Nor could it retain its Fire and Power without the ZEAL, and progress upon the ever narrowing Path of the Cross. While the whole world was A VIRGIN FIELD, such zeal and all-out devotion to God could and did find multitudinous converts. But as the Light of the advancing Cross blazed the way for Christendom's progress, a "saturation point" was arrived at. That is, those with the spiritual fibre who were ready to RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST IN HIS FULNESS had found and accepted Him. This saturation point in the early Church coincided approximately with the great and first transgression of the Church when she "organized" at the opening of the 4th century, and her going in unto the State (of Rome; later to others). Wherefore God said in His heart: since the teeming multitudes can as yet not accept me FULLY, it is better that they receive (into their lives) small portions of my Truth and Being, rather than none at all! Better that rites and ceremonies and partial idolatry make PALATABLE a portion of Truth unto the carnal masses rather than that they reject me entirely because of Truth's SEVERITY! Better that the confusion of multitudinous voices obtain and prevail - even unto mad-house pandemonium, in order that a carnal human race in the nadir of its materialism, may ONE AND ALL hear a CHORD which strikes a note of spiritual RESPONSE within - that a portion of Me may be accepted: A DOOR WEDGED ajar for my Spirit to enter and commence the Work of REgeneration!

THEREFORE the images in hand with a God in the hinterland; THEREFORE the multiplicity of voices in these last days that there may be SOMETHING acceptable unto all, constituting an ENTRANCE for the Spirit of Christ into the life!

In this city we have a high ranking prelate of the R.C. Church, who

weekly writes an Article for one of the Dailies. Occasionally I read one of His Articles. Some of them have been VERY GOOD ! I have been in many a Protestant church and heard that which nowhere near compares - in spiritual tone and value. Yet I also heard a Protestant "gospel minister" remark about the picture of this Catholic prelate: "Doesn't he remind you of Old Nick himself?" (I see zeal and BENEVOLENCE in his features). . . . I came upon two Protestants discussing the Word of God. Said one: "There is no greater Antichrist or devil in the world than the Pope in Rome."

I cannot sanction all that the R C Church teaches; Truth forbids me to even approve of the office of the Pope; yet I have no right to villify individuals who are doing even a small portion of the WILL OF GOD, helping to bring Christ to the human heart. And the Protestant who THINKS SUCH THOTS and mouths such stupid hatred, has yet an immense portion of Christ to receive. . . . Here in Canada, nearly 40% of our population is R.C. And altho I have no patience with ceremonialism and statue toting, I have as yet to hear from the mouth of a Catholic such evil and slanderous remarks about Protestants as I have heard it the other way around! And many of my students of R C affiliation - stand out as an elect lot among the greater student membership. Among the finest people I have known have been R Catholics. I still recall many years ago when walking thru a strange district - in His service. A woman in a farmhouse door saw at a distance a passing stranger. It was noon. Whereupon she sent her tall young son streaking across the field to head me off and take me in. Doubtful if many mothers do better for their sons than this stranger tried - and did - for me. Even to requesting socks - that she might wash them. And when her son made a somewhat disrespectful remark about the Church, tears welled into her eyes. . . . I enquired of her Faith. Said she: "We are German Catholics." . . . I wonder how many Protestants have MORE OF CHRIST than had this humble, Catholic farm-woman.

Grief rends the heart and tears blur the vision as I behold an im-mosity ravaging His flock; where the Enemy has ensnared so many in the quicksands of the "I am better than thou" attitude, It STIFLES the Spirit of Christ (within): it is a cancerous growth in the body of His flock - for which He bled and died.

No Catholics shall ever be found in Heaven; nor yet a single Protestant! None but CHRISTIANS shall enter there! Yet this is a

Truth too great and staggering for many to accept: SPIRIT, not denominational LABELS; CHRIST, not ceremonialism; TRUTH, not dogma; RE-generation of the human heart rather than Church membership and Sacraments; LOVE which forever precludes the evil mouthings against OTHERS who also are bringing A PORTION OF CHRIST to a lost and suiciding civilization....

Have you found CHRIST? Or is it but the garb of religion you wear? Has His Spirit wrot its work within your heart, or are you entangled in dogma and rites?... May God help you one and all to so receive Christ that you LIVE HIM, and LOVE those for whom He died. SO BE IT....

No. 3

'LOVE'

VERSUS EMOTIONALISM

- * "GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN
- * LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.... YE ARE MY
- * FRIENDS IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I COMMAND YOU."
- * - Jhn. 15:13-14

5 "LOVE" - what a wondrous theme! As a human being I cannot do it justice - nor even approach thereto. But there is a specific thought or two in mind on which I wish to dwell for a moment; Especially so as this subject was mentioned in "SERMON-ette" #1, as well as here and there in other portions of my writings.

"God is Love" and "Love is the fulfilment of the Law." Such portions of Scripture have been seized upon by many and warped to fit their own particular cult or 'ism', ignoring the weightier substance, as well as its far reaching power and mystery as declared to us by LOVE PERSONIFIED - even as it was wrot out to usward in blood stained measures of agony....

Much indeed have we heard about love; howbeit, we see even more of its perversion! And often our pulpiteers illustrate and sum it up in what is termed "MOTHER love." That MOTHER love has scaled the peaks and probed the depths of this enchanting magic - I do concede. Yet out of all true proportion I believe the mother

phase (as we know it) has been emphasized. As THAT is manifest today, it is usually confined or seen in affection lavished and blind sentiment overflowing. True, there are and have been exceptions. And to those exceptions I refer above where its peaks and depths have been probed.... Possibly our pulpiteers behold more women in their congregations than there are men; perhaps it is good business to throw them a few extra sops.... But when we consider the words of our Lord as above, and we reflect on the men - the FATHERS - who have walked into the teeth of the jungle beasts and battled the elements; who have left sweethearts, wives, and children behind to lay down their life on the field of battle - that loved ones might LIVE: can we still blow MOTHER love to the sky, rejecting a FATHER's love as unworthy of notice - without sticking the tongue in cheek?.... I remember also Uriah the Hittite (II Sam. 11:6-13) before that David murdered him, how he tho't of his brethren locked in bloody battle for those they loved; wherefore he would not enter into the comforts and pleasure of his home and wife - while Israel's men of war lived with death. Assuredly, Uriah struck a chord of LOVE - sounded by few in recorded history.....

True, it is of little importance if the MOTHER love is greater than that of the father, yet two things are of vast importance. First, that we correctly understand what LOVE is; and secondly that we learn to THINK clearly and to the point: assessing all factors correctly instead of merely parroting what another has said.

* "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his
* life for his friends!"

I want you to observe that underscored portion: not for his wife or parents nor for his children, but rather FOR HIS FRIENDS !

We think it natural that a man should face death unflinchingly for his wife and children, but Christ went beyond this by saying " -for his FREINDS! " Then immediately He defined our loosely used word "friends" by saying: "Ye are my friends IF ye do whatsoever I command you!" Then He enlarged upon its definition in the following verse by pointing out that He assessed them not as servants but rather as FRIENDS, for, said He, all things He had heard of the Father He had divulged to them! That is - as FRIENDS - He had taken them into His confidence and SHARED WITH THEM treasure-troves from out of the Glory - that " their joy might be full " (15:11). The comfort and riches profound of His

own JOY He wanted them to have - because He was their FRIEND, and that of them as such.

In a measure, THIS is the sentiment and phase of friendship known today: that of placing confidence in and sharing of joys and sorrows with another. But unfortunately, "friendships" of today usually fall far short of the higher qualifications which our Lord pinpointed.

Again we see by v. 15 of 14th ch. that LOVE is the keynote and very secret of "keeping His commandments." ("IF ye love me KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.") And a few moments later He declared that IF they kept His commandments, THEN were they His friends. This takes us back to the foundation of a true and worthwhile FRIENDSHIP, namely LOVE.

"KEEPING His commandments" - DOING His bidding and will: THAT He averred to be the evidence of LOVING Him. Presumably, the degree in which we love Him varies with every individual. But the amount of OBEDIENCE TO HIS WILL is the measure of our LOVE wrot out.

Momentarily, now, with the true earmarks of LOVE clearly in mind, let us consider that which I have previously referred to as the "namby-pamby of love-love-love"; that we may behold the true difference between the love-light unto POWER which Christ declared when contrasted to the empty word and shallow farce merchandised to the credulous by an unscrupulous clique, while parroted by others.

Among these we usually find those who deny the Divine incarnation, saucily pawning off a love-love-LOVE as the "Open Sesame" to the Kingdom of Heaven (future) as well as joy and health and wealth untold here and now!

Is it not true what the Christ said that the servant is not above his lord, neither the disciple above His Master? Look then to the teachers of the love-love-LOVE cults who reject the Divine incarnation: DO THEY MANIFEST THAT LOVE DECLARED BY THE CHRIST? (unto Whom they give lip service). How many of them have been prepared to lay down their lives for the sake of the spreading of the love-ALL - verbiage? How many of them have entered into a life of daily sacrifice in order to herald their brand of LOVE to the nations? How many of them will do without (personal needs and comforts) to manifest to others the love of

which they speak so glibly? Where are the Francis of Assissi and the Pauls and the Luthers in today's Christless love-cults? Yes, and where (in them) are the martyrs like those of old and modern times who have laid down their lives without hesitation, to manifest to the world the verity of their alleged love-love-LOVE?

Beloved - it isn't in them! True LOVE is of God, and was made fully manifest to man by Jesus Christ. To Him for a moment let us look:

- * "THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW that I love the Father, A R-
- * ISE, LET US GO HENCE!" (Jhn. 14:31)

A commandment He had received of the Father: this to be consummated on agonized Calvary's Cross. THIS He knew; this He foresaw in the reality of its stark terror. THIS had He foretold His disciples time and again. THIS hour was at hand; THAT He knew. "Like a flint" had His face been set to "go up to Jerusalem" (to consummate the Father's will). THIS was love! And when the hour had fully struck and Judas gone out to the Chief Priest, did He say to His: Hurry now that we may flee away under cover of darkness, for Judas has gone to sell me? But NO! He loved the Father, and He LOVED His friends "unto the end." Therefore the sharp and ringing command to His friends: "Arise!" And in substance He went on: For I have received a commandment from my Father. And that you and the world may KNOW I love Him, I GO for my rendezvous with DEATH in toils of darkness and drink its dregs of bitterness in agony....."That the world may KNOW - I love -----!"

THIS was love - and forevermore shall be the earmarks of its VERITY!

"Lo - I COME TO DO THY WILL, OH GOD -- in the volume of the Scroll it is written of me," (Ps. 40:7-8) - Even A DELIGHT to do that will!

Was Jesus a maniac? Was He lacking in common intelligence? What could be the joy, the virtue and value of suffering, ignomy and death? IF the namby-pamby of love-love-LOVE is of any value, then better by far that He had evaded death to continue His preaching the words of LOVE.

But let me go you one better, and somewhat paraphrase Einstein by saying: SPIRIT, LIFE, and LOVE are one and the same in sub-

stance! Wherefore, LOVE is of God, and without His Spirit there is no true love!

But let us look again: * "Father, the hour is come, GLORIFY
* thy Son, that thy Son also may GLORIFY THEE....And now
* Oh Father, GLORIFY me with thine own self, with the glory
* I had with Thee before the world was." (Jhn. 17:1, 5) "And
* the GLORY which thou gavest me I HAVE GIVEN THEM, that
* they MAY BE ONE even as we are one....Father, I will that
* they also whom Thou hast given me be with me where I am
* that they may behold my GLORY which thou hast given me,
* for Thou lovest me before the foundation of the world," (Jhn.
* 17:22, 24).

How do we read? Shall we read aright or shall we but parrakeet?

WHAT was - is - this "glory" of which He spoke? Was it a halo about Him to bring OH's and AH's from the multitude? But NO! (there is none recorded). Was it HONOR and an EVERLASTING NAME to spread across the face of the earth? But NO! For, in the hour of the Cross regarding which He prayed (v 24), they could see but darkness, gloom and the end of their joyous hopes! Grief, ignomy and shame; suffering and despair culminating in DEATH and absolute dejection: such were the fruits of Darkness' Hour beheld and experienced by those He had prayed could be with Him to "behold His glory!"

Yet once more: WHAT was - and IS - this GLORY of which He spoke?

"Glory" links up with a LIGHT emanation. And He pinpoints it to that GLORY which He had with the Father BEFORE THE WORLD. Hence it has nothing to do with a halo or praise and honor of and by man. But the GLORY emanation links up with that "LIGHT" which He declared Himself to be. THAT Light is the light of SPIRIT. Yet that Light they were not able to discern; they could but behold it in its LOVE-manifestation!

When the Light has made manifest to you the TRUTH of my earlier declaration that Spirit, Life and Love are ONE IN SUBSTANCE, then will you understand the "glory" of which He spoke so much in those last hours. LIGHT is but the reflection of Spirit, for, Spirit is FIRE - on a higher plane of Being! Fire sheds light, and light declares the presence of fire or Spirit. This Light-emanation He termed "the Glory." As carnal beings they couldn't behold it on the plane of spirit, discerning only

its manifestation by media of soul, namely LOVE....

With the fog of dogma and sheer ignorance cleared away, we look again unto His "glory" as He could not even bear to remain seated but "ARISE; WE MUST GET GOING! (I LOVE my Father; I hear His voice - and "I know that His commandment is Life ever-lasting)." He could not tolerate Peter using the sword to resist - the Father's will. ALL these things they knew, and of His every DELIBERATE move were they aware as they stood there beholding Him on the cross. THOSE words were still ringing in their ears "that the world may KNOW I love the Father---". THAT and that only was the "Glory" which they beheld as they witnessed His suffering upon the Cross: the glory-light of Spirit reflected to us - ward thru the media of SOUL in the substance of LOVE.

Yet WHY the Cross? Was it but a token of a futile Love? Was it but a heroic attempt to set a noble example? What balderdash parroted in the night! Millions have made manifest their LOVE on the field of battle that others might live. Has THAT instilled the spirit of LOVE and self-sacrifice? But no! Most adults of today have seen two major world wars, yet gross selfishness is more rampant than ever!

The human in his estrangement from God has shut off His Spirit and hence His LOVE from coursing thru the soul. THAT is why the Cross: that an integral portion of His Life - of His Love - might become readily available thru FAITH unto "whomsoever---." That when a factual portion of His Life has been received into the individual soul, it would commence irradiating an ever increasing stream of LOVE; that LOVE which will eventually UNITE INTO ONE the whole human race, and return man to God, and unto the lost estate of the Edenic garden.

THAT was the significance of His words that night:

" * This is my blood (= LIFE) of the NEW COVENANT (testament) which is shed for many for the remission of sin."
" * Drink! "

Stupid and carnal man has thought of the red substance flowing in man's veins, and thus arrived at LIMITATION (in concept). This is the stupidity mouthed by many cultists and even self-styled "Scientists" of a certain concept. Yet their "eyes have been holden" to discern but the red blood corpuscles; failing to see the Spirit-LIFE energizing the blood stream, flashing in its Spirit-splendor, emitting a blue-white LIGHT. THAT was the LIFE-blood He gave - to

save the entire world.

When once the blood of the Nazarene (which like ours, partook of the world-SOUL-substance) had actually entered the earth, THEN was it like a conductor thru which could flow His Spirit-LIFE into the soul-substance of our earth, COMMENCING ITS PURIFICATION! (But babble the stupid, there was no special virtue in the blood of the Nazarene!) When we recognize the Truth of the Divine incarnation, then do we see how by means of that BLOOD the very LIFE-SPIRIT of God became available unto the entire world. And when accepted in FAITH by the individual, a factual portion (the "incorruptible seed" of I Ptr. 1:23) of His Life-substance enters the individual soul to commence its purification, making possible its return to God.

Do YOU behold "His GLORY"? that ineffable GLORY which took Him thru Darkness' hour without a murmur! Have you tasted - in measure - that LOVE for your friends which makes you ONE - in substance - with them? Have you sensed A CALVARY at times which you have joyously accepted FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS? Has "His GLORY" throbbed in your being in a consuming passion to GIVE (self) that others might have Life, and have it more abundantly?

- IF so, then you "are not far from the Kingdom of God"; while His "Glory"-manifest deep within is that indisputable EVIDENCE to you that SALVATION FOR THE HUMAN SOUL was wrought on Golgotha's brow by The Son of God, "whom the Heavens received until the restitution of all things" - WHICH HOUR is now a-quiver at our door.

- "For greater LOVE has no man than this ----." May it also be YOURS TO KNOW in the fulness of its Divine potential. SO BE IT.

No. 4

BESETTING SNARES & 'CONTRARY WINDS'

- * "These are they which are sown among thorns; such as
- * HEAR THE WORD. But the cares of this world and THE DE-
- * CEITFULNESS OF RICHES, and the lusts of other things en-

tering, choke the Word, and IT BECOMES UNFRUITFUL."

- Mtt. 13:22

THESE Words by our Lord of Life have I chosen as the substance for meditation this morning, altho we may find it expedient to also consider other Scriptures.

FIRST let me draw to your attention that the Word-seed herein referred to by the Lord, DID FALL IN GOOD SOIL, altho in the immediate presence of thorns. They fell not on rocky ground. But where ROOT took place and the NEW LIFE (see Jhn. 12:24) did manifest in place of the old. Yet because in the presence of thorn bushes with their voracious root-system and prodigious growth, the GOOD SEED became choked out before the FRUIT was brot forth:

THUS - said He - it also is in the lives of many, who are too encumbered by the cares of this life, and thru the DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES!

You want to be rich? Or at least comfortably so? I imply not that there is anything wrong in that; but rather, it is very commendable! Nevertheless we must be fully aware to its tremendous dangers: the danger of losing much or even all of our spiritual heritage!

OBSERVE that He spoke not against wealth itself (is not God WEALTHY beyond the most fantastic dream?), but rather against THE DECEITFULNESS of wealth. That is, the danger of losing sight of the BASIC ESSENTIAL, and be thrown off spiritual BALANCE wherein God loses parity with the world.

THAT - beloved in Christ - is the situation today! Fortunately, there are tens of thousands of Christian Churches thruout our land which call the people to worship God. And He sends us also the occasional Billy Graham, who - thru immense organized support and mass psychology - helps greatly to draw the masses to awareness of God.

Is not the FIRST COMMANDMENT to LOVE God with singleness of purpose and in the strength of one's entire being? And did not Jesus the Christ on more than one occasion set it forth as THE commandment, and on which hinged all the others? IF then, the cares of this world, and the DECEITFULNESS of riches find sufficient root within the human heart, then PERISH must the good seed, and the life becomes spiritually barren.

Yet let us look again, for, I doubt not but that most of you have heard much on this before, and are well aware of its basic Truth.

Those of you who have been with me a few months in STUDIES, are well aware how ALL factors in the life of the lowly Nazarene HAD BEEN CONFORMED TO THE TRUE AND HEAVENLY PATTERN, in order to speak of TRUTH to them, and to generations unborn while eons last. Wherefore, let us look to the time that He miraculously provided food for about 5,000 men beside women and children. And He went into a mountain-top to be by Himself to pray (symbolic of His ascension into the Heavens which were to receive Him until the restitution of all things). He commanded the faithful to proceed toward the other side. THIS was symbolic of life's journey unto whom HEAVEN is the goal.

OBSERVE now the words : * "---and when THE EVENING WAS
* COME ---the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed
* with waves; for THE WIND WAS CONTRARY ! " - Mtt 14:23 -
* 24.

Here, then, is the symbolic setting for the CLOSING END OF THIS AGE (the EVENING WAS COME), at which time we are to see the ship TOSSED BY THE WAVES, for, the wind was contrary!

THAT ship was symbolic of the CHURCH! But the chosen disciples therein symbolize ALL who - in their hearts - are Heaven bound. The ship could not be tossed without its occupants also being tossed.

Do we not find the Churches of today TOSSED about? And are they not "recanting" on this and that, giving WAY to the world in hopes of salvaging their position and congregations? And are not church members tempest-tossed in their own spiritual life, for THE WIND IS CONTRARY?

WHAT is the contrary WIND if not ALL THE SNARES AND DELUSIONS of this unbalanced and excessively progressed materialistic age? Let us dwell for a moment on the WIND itself. Is it not AIR IN MOTION? And are we not told that the DEVIL "is the PRINCE of the Power of that air"?

Is not your ear open to propaganda and delusive teachings from every corner of the globe? How can you HEAR without air in MOTION? Are not the "air ways" filled by this and that: by anything and everything to help you FORGET GOD? Can you spend hours

viewing stupid TV shows without air-waves in MOTION? And what about our automobiles? Any AIR there? What fills the cylinders of the engine to give it motive power? Principally AIR under compression which is exploded, causing terrific motion (of the AIR)!

Surely there is nothing wrong with an internal combustion engine, nor the cars which they power. But when these things become a frenzy in the midst of society, to the end that highways are strewn with maimed and dying IN ORDER TO GET AWAY FROM LIFE, TO GET AWAY FROM SELF and TO GET AWAY FROM GOD, then is it like unto A BRAMBLE BUSH which chokes out the newly sprouted life - that it bears no fruit!

THESE are the things God showed us as a portion of the Heavenly pattern (of things to come) thru the tempestuous sea when finally they could make no progress until "about the fourth watch" when the Lord of Life had descended from the Mountain and came to them upon the waters!

THESE are the days when the Enemy has stirred contrary winds from every direction. It is simpler to LISTEN to a glib speaker hoax you about "saucers", or tell you blatantly what you can accomplish by your "Subconscious MIND", or thru the power of THOT - than it is to read, or to listen to the simple Word of God! (And my progressed students know that MIND or THOT answer to air on the higher plane.) And it is more inviting to hear a radio program or view a TV show than it is to attend church for THE WORSHIP OF GOD! And so the THORN BUSH grows and flourishes to the extinction and prevention of that which could have netted great spiritual fruit in life!

IS IT THUS IN YOURS? Has the automobile, theatre, radio and TV replaced God?

Oh yes, I am well aware how many say that they can also WORSHIP GOD as seen in the beauty of nature, in the gurgling brook and star studded vault above. Yes, very, VERY true! Yet let us also be honest: how many of us streak away into the countryside in sleek cars FOR THE PURPOSE OF THERE WORSHIPPING GOD? How many of us "go fishing" that thereby we may worship God? And how many of us go to the beaches that the lapping of the sea surf may cause us TO WORSHIP GOD? How many of us go out at night in order to look up and WORSHIP GOD? And how many of us, and how often do we turn on the radio or TV in order to WORSHIP GOD?

Yet, IS IT THAT IMPORTANT? - many of you are saying. YES - beloved of God - it is even more important! For, unless you seek you shall not find; unless you ask you shall not receive, and unless you knock it shall not be opened (unto you).

Perhaps you have partaken of sacraments, and hopped up by the delusion THAT grants you a right to Heaven! Perhaps your name is on a Church roll and you think THAT is sufficient! Or maybe you pay your bills and try to live a good life and think THAT is sufficient. THAT is highly commendable, and not without its rewards, yet THEREBY shall you never enter Heaven!

THE WORD OF GOD MUST BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO GROW AND BEAR FRUIT!

Wherefore, the less brambles you nourish, the surer the growth of the NEW LIFE, and the greater the profusion of the Word-seed's fruit!

THIS LINKS up with another saying by our Lord when He took them to task for lack of sincerity in HEARING His Word. Said He: "I know you are Abraham's seed, but you seek to kill me because MY WORD HAS NO PLACE IN YOU!" - Jhn. 8:37

The "no place" is in harmony with our basic text wherein the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things entering, CHOKES OUT the Word - that it bears no fruit. There is no room left for His Word. Scores of deceptive devices by the Enemy have deceived the people to the end that the entire soul is filled with DELUSION, leaving no room for His blessed Word to grow and bear fruit.

In connection with this I cannot refrain from drawing to your attention the greatest of general and world wide delusions, that you can PROFANE THE SABBATH - with impunity! When I say "the SABBATH" I am not referring to Saturday, for even that is another delusion propagated by those whose craniums have been picked bare by the "fowls of the AIR." But I refer to ONE (1= Life and Light) DAY OUT OF SEVEN (7= REST, or PEACE with God which in turn nets PEACE with self and the world). THIS day (1 out of 7) was set aside to WORSHIP GOD. Yet now, most - if not all - of our Churches sanction its rankest desecration! Are not drinking bars and theatres open on Sundays in countless places? And are not baseball games and other sports staged for entertainment? Or perhaps THAT too is to worship God? And maybe you wash off and

shammy the car on Sunday that it may sparkle before you streak away. Oh yes, no doubt to "worship God"! Yet is it THAT important? Yes - beloved - even MORE IMPORTANT!

- * "IF you turn away YOUR FOOT from the Sabbath, from doing THY PLEASURE on my holy day, and call the sabbath
- * A DELIGHT, the HOLY of the Lord, honorable, and shall
- * HONOR HIM: not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own
- * pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; THEN shalt thou de-
- * light thyself in the Lord, and I will cause thee to ride upon
- * the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage
- * of Jacob thy father, for ~~the~~ mouth of the Lord has spoken it."
- * - Is. 58: 13-14.

And THOSE WORDS are as true today as when spoken. For "God changes not." And IF you will carefully observe the wording, it will be seen how they utterly preclude the theatre, sports, and scores of forms of entertainment and diversion, ALL of which comes under "thine own PLEASURE."

Come now, let us REASON TOGETHER for a moment: How many doctors are prepared and fit to commence practise without first having given at least 7 years to intensive and specialized studies and internship? And are not those 7 years ONE SEVENTH of the 49 following 21, which go to make the 70, by or near which time most retire? And does not the same apply to Law as well as other fields of importance and distinction? Or how many Mozarts, Beethovens, Chopins or Menuins do we ever find who have not in early life and over a period of many years, put in at least 1/7 of every work day (about 3 1/2 hrs.) in assiduous practice? IF, then, THIS SIMPLE TRUTH of the ONE SEVENTH requirement applies here in order to GET THERE in the important callings on earth, think you that HEAVEN itself is to be had thru a sacrament and a wink at God while you breeze off for "your own pleasure"? Simply has He stipulated ONE SEVENTH of TIME faithfully devoted to WORSHIP GOD in order that we may "ride the high places of the earth" (eminent success) and to be given the "heritage of Jacob." Was not the heritage of Jacob "the PROMISED LAND" - a type of Heaven? HOW can your life be spiritually nourished IF you feed on tripe and live in the delusions of "the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR" ?

Can you conscientiously believe that IF the nations of today's Christendom, faithfully observed ONE OUT OF SEVEN days to truly

WORSHIP GOD and not seeking their own pleasures, that they would today be channelling their resources in feverish preparation to destroy one another? Can you not see that such nations as Russia which have repudiated God and reverence NO DAY unto Him, are - as nations - rapidly slipping back into primitive barbarism? And that because of such is civilization today on the brink of its suicide!

IF this be true (as assuredly it is) in the case of the nations, and in the case of PREPARATION for more eminent positions, how can you evade the conclusion that the selfsame MINIMUM applies for those who ASPIRE UNTO THE GATES OF HEAVEN?

In the TABERNACLE studies I have shown how the 1/7th was an inbuilt factor as A MUST to enter the presence of God. HERE I shall not detail the same. Yet let us briefly look at the Great Pyramid of Gizeh - God's great STONE WITNESS. The "Grand Gallery" which opens precisely (in portrayed TIME) at Calvary's Cross, has thruout its length SEVEN massive OVERLAPS in the sheathing stones of either wall. Clearly does this show the SEPTEINARY RHYTHM of life's course, yes, EVEN FOR CHRISTENDOM. (I know there are ignorant babblers who proclaim flagrant freedom (?) for the Christian believer.) Yet now observe carefully: the Gallery has two ends, a north and a south. In its NORTH end are only SIX overlaps, while in its SOUTH end are SEVEN overlaps. Those of you who have been with me even a month or so, know that the NORTH answers to the world and its MATERIALISM, while the SOUTH answers to SOUL and SPIRITUAL ASPIRATIONS. By which God has SPOKEN THRU STONE showing us that in the SOUL LIFE there is A SEVEN while in the MATERIAL WORLD there is but A SIX! Your life which aspires to God via the King's Chamber which holds the EMPTY TOMB, HAS in its SOUL VISTA the FULL SEVEN (days), while to the NORTH which is the MATERIAL world, there are but SIX days in which to labor for SELF! And thru the very SEVEN at the south (soul) end of the journey is the APERTURE which leads to the "SECRET CHAMBERS" above the Chamber of the Open Tomb!

Beloved, how is your estate on the storm-tossed waters of Galilee? Have you seen the Master's silhouette and heard His voice of PEACE? Have you thrilled to the vision beautiful in anticipation of landing at GENNESARET (which means THE GARDEN OF THE PRINCE)? Do you yearn to enter into "HIS REST"? ("And God rested on the seventh day ---") Then come to your senses

and recognize that the ONE out of SEVEN He has ordained IS FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL BALANCE AND ATTUNEMENT WITH GOD TO THE END THAT YOU MAY FIND REST IN HIM!

No. 5

HIS SECRET UNTO GREATNESS

- * "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." - Jesus, Mtt. 20; 26-27.

This TRUTH was REdeclared, and stressed by the mighty Paul in that he said:

- * "Let nothing be done thru strife or vain glory, but in lowliness of mind LET EACH ESTEEM THE OTHER BETTER THAN THEMSELVES!" - Paul, Phil. 2:3

Can you not perceive the SPIRIT of Him who gave His body to be tortured unto death - that you and I might LIFE abundantly have? And perceive you not the transformation wrought by the selfsame Spirit, to mellow the arrogant and haughty spirit of Saul the Pharisee, to that of the self-effacing, self-sacrificing little PAUL - WHO COULD SEE IN OTHERS THAT WHICH WAS BETTER THAN HIMSELF, and exhorted the Philippians in LOVE to thus be minded?

Let me shock you! From the pulpits of today, we need LESS sermons on the Christ and His glorious ATONEMENT, and LESS on the "sacraments", but MORE ON HOW TO LIVE - HERE AND NOW - FOR CHRIST OUR LORD! And we need MORE of this DEMONSTRATED IN AND THRU THE DAILY LIFE OF HIS MINISTERS AND ALL WHO PROFESS HIM!

In the Great Pyramid of Gizeh - which is God's MASTER WITNESS in solid rock - is INBUILT this selfsame TRUTH. There the mighty, massive foundation stones SUPPORT the courses of ever lessening size above; with every masonry course of the tapering structure, INTERlinking and interBINDING WITH ONE ANOTHER, Again the same Truth is further pinpointed and intensified in the King's Chamber of GRANITE rock wherein some of the arched and colossal beams reach the staggering weight of 70 tons. Thereby

are we shown how such spiritual giants as Noah and Abraham and Moses were used as FOUNDATIONS for the superstructure; neither by and for themselves, but rather as SUPPORTING and INTERLINKING units with the others. Then, in the KINGdom Chamber, the limestone is replaced by the hardest of GRANITE, to offset and overshadow the massive limestone giants in the basal course! By THIS to show how His KINGdom is mightier than all and IS BUILT FROM WITHIN, and FROM ABOVE DOWN: a SPIRITUAL Kingdom within a kingdom; a DIVINE Kingdom FROM ABOVE to fuse with that which rises from below. Yet thruout all this, the greater bears the stress of the lesser; which lesser ones in turn support and interlock with those still smaller. And so on, and on

The same Truth has He shown us in the growth of trees, plants and flowers, wherein the heavier trunk tapers, bearing lesser stems, branches, twigs and leaves - unto the final fruit or flower.

Yet man in his wilful ignorance accents his SELFhood, and stresses independence in a selfish and arrogant disdain for the rights and interests of others. This applies to the nations, to the integrated states; to its cities, communities, and finally, to the individual. Ultimately, it is but "me and mine!"

WHY will not our preachers "lift up their voice like a trumpet and declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel their sin"? We might be tempted to suspect that they fear loss of patronage. Which is but another form of thinking for SELF!

Let us look for a moment to the ramification of this evil selfishness, and its roots in our midst.....You need not be told that our children of today are tomorrow's men and women. How are they indoctrinated and trained: for SELF or for OTHERS? You know the answer! And how many of them are vigilantly watched over for the detection of SELFishness, and its eradication? Again you know the answer. And why are not our children CORRECTED according to the wisdom of the ancients handed down to us (the wisdom and maturity of judgment of men who reached 500 to 900 years)? But ah, the little 'angels' which are "simply out of this world" must be allowed to express themselves (lest mother or daddy lose out on some of their affection)! More of SELF at the root of it.....

Go into a public transit vehicle and see how seldom it is that an

ELDER is given a seat. But NO! You will see in rush hours the hoary heads bent over in the aisles; the bent limbs swaying and gnarled hands hanging on; you will see the school youngsters dashing madly for the seats to beat and cheat the aged and staggering and pregnant. Oh yes, I am well aware that YOUR angels would not do such things; such are but the brats of DPs and foreigners!

Have you the flint of soul and pachydermatous hide to "take it," then go out a little late, or to streets less patrolled by the police, and get an earful of the language used. Hear the youngsters spew forth vile blasphemy, filth and obscenity in reckless abandon with utter disregard for who may overhear - except the police. But of course, they are not YOURS: they are the scum from "across the track"!

Dare you face the truth and accept the fact that YOUR children are not one iota better than others, but even subject to the same corrupt nature within, and temptation from without? Dare you be an honest REALIST, asking yourself the question: "Am I setting a faultless example unto my children? Am I daily coaching them in the precepts of TRUTH, of LOVE and selfLESSness? Am I putting selfish sentiment aside in order to persistently CORRECT, and eradicate the grosser, carnal propensities expressing the corruption of SELF?" Are you bequeething to your children that spiritual heritage my father left to me? Can your children say to their mother or daddy what this son of a "foreigner" can truthfully say of his in these words? "I never heard my father use as strong an expression as 'damn it'; nor ever the hint of a smutty story. I never heard of his failing to pay the last nickel owing, nor yet to ever pull a crooked deal. But constantly ready to help or favor another. And wherever in later years I came that he was known, his name was ever spoken with respect and affection."

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We cannot live on the good name of our parents; nor yet our children on ours. Yet THAT is a spiritual heritage WE OWE unto our children, and a duty which is ours unto our fellow man, yes, and unto generations unborn.

Can you not see that every profane and blasphemous expression is the venting of the SELF-propensity within? And that nearly every uttered lie is in the blinded interest of SELF? Nor can you evade the conclusion that a great aggregation of individuals make up the nation. Which nation in turn is but one among other SELFish nations - now preparing to destroy one another! Why? Because the

cancerous growth of SELF thruout the world has forgotten OTHERS, until now the entire body has become too malignant to permit much prolongation of life!

Can you not see that most - if not all - of our so-called "sins" are founded in the delusion of SELF? Can you not perceive that if children were coached in the love for OTHERS and corrected for the wanton expression of SELF, then would we have a society from which to recruit statesmen "hewn by the prophets" and transformed by His Spirit? Statesmen which would reshape our policies: founded in the love for OTHERS. Can you not perceive that if our churches as ONE thruout Christendom had persistently and consistently TRUMPETED away at this monstrous evil, inculcating the spirit of LOVE, glorifying the INTERESTS OF OTHERS (above one's own) then would not our society today be tobogganing to hell?

God has left His verdict in solid stone: His judgment in righteousness CUT for all to see. Down thru the courses of masonry skidded society in selfish degradation, at a 26⁰ tempo of decline. THAT continued without the slightest interruption under the headship of a Romish Priesthood! THAT is the verdict in stone! Then came Martin Luther and the Reformation, PINPOINTING the LOWEST LEVEL in the descending passage to hell! But did we commence to RISE under the spreading sway of the Protestant priesthood? Have they battled to lift society one inch closer to God than it was when the 16th century opened? But NO! God's verdict, cut into the solid bedrock where the vandalistic hand of man has not been able to falsify, shows that under the spiritual surge of PROTESTANTISM, society only managed to LEVEL OFF; that is, maintain the "status quo" of SELFishness and degeneracy, heading blithely for the yawning chasm of the Pit!

What glorious opportunity the church has had! What tremendous responsibility is theirs! But true to the pattern in stone, and true to the type He dramatized by His chosen people, of which God in person said: "For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the Lord; therefore they shall not prosper, and their flocks shall be scattered." (Jer. 10:21) And again, "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land: The prophets prophecy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jer. 5:31). Think not that this was exclusively for ancient and backslidden Israel! THEY were but a living, dramatized picture of

CHRISTENDOM!

Dare you listen to the language used by your father, brother, husband, son, or maybe daughter when your presence is not known? Dare you ask of SELF the question: What am I contributing to the moral and spiritual UPLIFTment of the society in which I move? Or does my mouth flow with the effervescence of the sewer? Is my conduct compatible with the consideration of others' welfare as being greater than my own? Is my name being blessed by others, or muttered with a curse?

Dare you pick up a Scandal-Sheet to behold the nauseating sordidness, debauchery, and criminal infamy which dwells in our midst? Dare you fearlessly ask how much you, yours, and your life has contributed thereto? Dare you analyse a life of SELFishness to see how its impingement on the sectors of society contribute to the ever increasing PRESSURE which generates evil, and leads to oblivion?

Have you looked at the DEBT-structure of the nations as it began to pyramid fantastically with the outbreak of World War I? And how it took on towering proportions and astronomical figures when World War II came along? Whether started by one or fomented by another, can we escape the conclusion that these world wars have been but the eruption of the world's crystalizing SELFishness which had reached volcanic pressure? Or is the present cold war and preparations for the hot, anything but ulcerous symptoms and and temperature-running from the same demon of SELF - glorified thruout the land?

And we look to the faults and sins of others, that the smallness and evil of SELF might be condoned, and give us a self-satisfied feeling!

ALL of which is in error. 'Tis in the image of GOD we are fashioned, and by His Spirit begotten. 'Tis the GLORY-consciousness of THAT image we must with determination attain, in order that the imperfections in SELF, and the ugliness of EGO may smite us in the face by contrast. It is the GLORY-image of the Lowly Nazarene which by deliberation must be awakened daily, to inspire the yearning and instil the strength to lay SELF on the Altar, that His Spirit-fire may light up that offering, and consume its dross. We look to the sheer cut cliff of His flint-like face As DETERMINED He went to pay our debt in sin contracted. We look to the tempered strength of shoulders which bore the cross to lift

Him in agony - for OTHERS. We gaze on the back deep-gashed with the lash - for the trespasses wrought by you and me. Yet again we must look to the thorn-pierced brow, humbled and pained - for that EGO of ours. ALL these - be they seared on our soul as once more we look to the GLORY-LIGHT of the "Son with the Father," (Jhn 17:5) yet that LOVE FOR OTHERS which rejected angels' adoration to imprisoned be in helpless flesh - which took Him to the agonizing cross - but for to break the fetters of our serfdom unto sin, and ransom YOU and ME from out that Pit!

THAT is the Glory-image we must behold, until our soul is melted by His Spirit, and willing has become to be TRANSFORMED from sordid SELF - to the BEAUTY OF OUR SAVIOR!

'Twas He who LIVED the Truth He taught to those who sought for greatness: "then least and last and SERVANT be!"

Perhaps it is beyond the scope of mortal mind to grasp the SECRET LAW behind His recipe for GREATNESS. Yet He LIVED it, and thus DEMONSTRATED that it WORKED! That He rose triumphant over death and grave and all limitations of flesh, can easily be ESTABLISHED, and CONCLUSIVELY! In those days of His Triumph and GLORY, He said: "ALL power is given unto me in Heaven AND on earth!" (Mtt. 28:18)

Had He achieved GREATNESS? And how! Even to sit on the RIGHT HAND OF POWER as absolute Monarch over all creation in the depths and in the heights!

And how can we attain to this HUMILITY which finds expression in the selfLESS life, and the esteeming of OTHERS above one's own worth?

I perceive the answer as threefold: (1) To voluntarily OFFER self to God, that the Savior's Spirit may LIGHT UP the human tabernacle. THEN the "incorruptible seed" (Ptr. 23) commences its twofold work of REgeneration within the human heart: (a) LIBERATION from the abject serfdom to sin (Jhn. 8:36), and (b) SUBLIMATION of all carnal propensities (Jhn. 2:7-10).

THIS WORK which He commences He is well able to conclude gloriously! Yet, IF we wish to save ourselves much time and heartache incidental to the polishing process His Spirit provides unto those whom He LOVES; and IF we wish to reap of the joyous fruits of Spirit HERE AND NOW, then we speed that day of rejoicing by:

(2) contrast the vision of His GLORY-image to the ugliness of self-EGO, to (3) inspire the faithful emulation of the ruminant sheep, by regularly at day's end, EXAMINE, WEIGH and BREAK UP the thots, words, and conduct of the day, (SERMONette #1), Thus beholding our errors, in honesty between self and God, we are enabled to specifically pray for increased STRENGTH to grow into His BEAUTY.....

Do you yearn to be LOVED and ADMIRER by children, kin and friends; by people far and near? Then cease not e'er to pray - from day to day - that Christ in triumph LIVE within your heart! Then shall the lustre of a treasure rare, "steal the show", and win the heart of all you know.

God grant it to Thine GLORY!

No. 6

'DESTINY' ?

CREATE YOUR OWN !

- * " - with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with
- * what measure ye mete, IT SHALL BE MEASURED TO YOU
- * AGAIN! THEREFORE ALL THINGS WHATSOEVER YE
- * WOULD THAT MEN SHOULD DO TO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO
- * TO THEM: for this is the LAW and the prophets." - Jesus,
- * Mtt. 7:2 and 12.

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Here is a subject for meditation, of which the whole world is in dire need, and for the lack of which it even totters on the brink of destruction. And I cannot help but fear that countless Christians are also in great need of the SPIRIT of the above words by our Lord.

No doubt you have heard much about the "golden rule", but maybe less about the "golden" HEART OF GOD, whose immeasurable LOVE for His own is so consuming in its potential, that He HAS ESTABLISHED A LAW OF BALANCE. Perhaps some other and more suitable word could be used, yet I think of it as HIS BALANCE: the SCALE OF GOD'S EQUALIZATION.

In this particular matter I cannot help but believe that our clergy

has dwelled far too much on sentiment, overlooking the matter of God's LAW OF BALANCE.

It is very well and good to inculcate in our children; and stress the desirability and the sheer beauty of kindness and charity; yet in an age where SELFISHNESS is the watchword, I believe that if both youngsters and adults were given to better understand that God expresses His Being thru IMMUTABLE LAW: we would get far better results.

Look now at the words by the Lord of Life: "by what measure ye mete, IT SHALL BE MEASURED TO YOU AGAIN! He didn't say that it might be, or that in some cases it would be thus, but rather, AN EMPHATIC DECLARATION OF AN IMMUTABLE LAW, having nothing to do with IFs or MAYBES! God is not fickle, temperamental, nor erratic: His very Being emanates thru inflexible LAW. True, on the lower planes of manifestation, the ramifications of LAW can be superseded by higher LAW, or by that LAW expressive on His own plane, yet THAT does not enable US to evade His LAW.

Thru painful experience we have learned that fire ALWAYS BURNS. BEcause we KNOW the immutableness of its consuming LAW, we handle it WITH CARE: we know better than to touch its searing flame to our clothes or skin. The youngsters growing up in a home where A TRUE LOVE expresses thru LAW (enforced), learns to DO right at all times, and enters into the fruit and joy of a disciplined personality. While the unfortunate who grows up in a home where love is a misnomer for mush and gushing sentiment (which is founded in self-indulgence), eventually marries but to fight and part, and to go thru life from one grief to sadness and misery.....ALL - or largely so - because he/she was not brought up under the GREATER LOVE OF IMMUTABLE LAW in the home.

Similarly am I convinced the situation is with reference to the Golden Rule. Parents and our clergy have handled it from the approach or perspective of SENTIMENT: of something that is GOOD and BEAUTIFUL. Forever shall that be TRUE, yet our growing children and adolescents and even adults are far too unapproachable and UNtouchable by beauty. But apply even a small flame to the bare skin of such a one and see how he jumps - to say nothing of the language you might hear.....

He has had EXPERIENCE with its LAW, and therefore has COME TO DISCERNMENT! Similarly, " GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE! "

(Heb. 12:29; Deut. 4:24). And the sooner you learn that - the better for your future! And the sooner you teach that to your children - the safer their future, and the more certain their abiding happiness.

Altho I have here spoken somewhat against the SENTIMENT of the Golden Rule, that is because of its lack of effectiveness. On the contrary, I am overwhelmingly convinced that eventually, all phases of God's LAW must be met from the URGE WITHIN for all that which is GOOD and TRUE and BEAUTIFUL, rather than from the motivation: WHAT WILL IT PROFIT ME ?

But with mass humanity at its present stage of selfish adolescence, THEY CAN BEST BE APPROACHED THRU THE CHANNEL OF SELF AND PROFIT (or else)!

Therefore, parents and clergy should hammer away at the immutable LAW which God has established that AS YOU DO TO OTHERS, SO WILL GOD DO TO YOU (thru the operation of an established and immutable LAW).

Can you scoop a hollow into the ground without it refilling - sooner or later? Or can you dip a cupful from the ocean and leave its place empty? Or take a measure of air and leave its place void? Hardly! There is an operative LAW of equalization, or BALANCE: God has thus ordained it. We cannot circumvent this LAW: it is utterly beyond us. IT IS!

THAT is what the Blessed One said! The standard you set unto others, HE WILL RETURN UPON YOUR OWN HEAD!

You have two sons: John and Bill. And you love them with a consuming passion, yet EQUALLY. For no just cause Bill slaps John. As the latter begins to square off, you remind John, "vengeance IS MINE", whereupon Bill receives a smart slap TO BALANCE THE SCORE. Nothing is said. Bill slaps again, but at once the scales of justice BALANCE. He pushes - only to find himself flying headlong. In course of time he learns that he cannot evade a parent's vigilance. And at long last he also learns that EVERY UNKIND ACT TO JOHN IS DONE UNTO HIMSELF! He learns that when he is good, HE ENJOYS GOOD!

THAT IS OUR PARENT-GOD IN ACTION! THAT IS THE IMMUTABLE LAW OF HIS BEING: JUSTICE BALANCED! THAT is the tutor He has appointed a multitude of wayward children; that is the stern Headmaster He has appointed a world of spiritual ado-

lescents.

Remember, "a thousand years are but as a day with the Lord . " You may cheat your neighbor, steal from your friend, or lie to further your interest; yes, you may even think that you are "getting away with it." But just as certain that an emotionally balanced and loving parent will not tolerate Bill kicking John, JUST THAT CERTAIN IS IT THAT YOU CAN NEVER "GET AWAY" FROM THE 'BALANCE' OF GOD'S LOVE-LAW IN ACTION! A day or two might pass, a year or even many, but bear in mind that on the plane of God's TIME-reckoning, 21 years here are but as half an hour with God. And should He wait as much as 3 minutes before He lifts His hand of JUSTICE, that will be a full two years with you. And some times a wise and loving parent might postpone the lesson until TOMORROW.

Show me the parent who permits Bill to practise unkindness against John, and I will show you a person who is NOT FIT FOR PARENTAGE. Is not God at least as GOOD as a human? Were we not created "in the image" of God? Or did you suppose that merely referred to feet, hands and a stupid head? Nay, beloved, GOD IS A SPIRIT! And our being IN HIS IMAGE, refers - of necessity - PRIMARILY TO OUR OWN INNER, OR SPIRIT BEING; secondarily to the physical.

Therefore we can take a wise, emotionally balanced and loving parent and THEREBY LEARN OF GOD! IF not, then it is a lie that we were made in HIS IMAGE!

During the eras of darkness, spiritual tyranny reached a nadir: when a spiritual monster was preached in order to enslave the soul of man thru FEAR. Even today many pulpits reek with brimstone, and little ones tremble in fear - having as yet not discerned the Father's face weighted in grief o'er the little children He loves.

In your spiritual blindness you may believe that ten dollars falsely kept back or cheated from your neighbor or merchant, are ten dollars IN YOUR POCKET. For one brief moment - yes. But as sure as every child has a parent, THAT certain is it that THE SPIRIT-PARENT will not let "Bill" get away with it! Neither kid yourself by saying: oh well, IF I get cheated out of ten in return some time, I AM STILL NOTHING OUT! KID not yourself! God is not a "softie!" Clearly are we told in His Law (by the prophets) that restitution was not sufficient, but that an ADDED PORTION

must also be given up. Restitution by itself would constitute no PENALTY, and without the penalty the hardened human soul will not learn: there is no LESSON to be taken to heart! Usually, I believe it was customary for A FIFTH PORTION to be added. The one fifth speaks of GRACE: that measure of grace we yield up out of our own substance, LEAVING ROOM FOR GOD'S FREE-dom - setting power to be poured back in. For, of necessity, BALANCE MUST BE RESTORED (GOD MUST SET THINGS RIGHT) or the whole universe would crack up into chaos! We are in existence because of COSMIC SYMPHONY. Every wrong, every "sin" must be rectified by God, or the "symphony" is broken. With the symphony broken, chaos would eventually result. But there is a measure of time, or a "distance" which the discord can travel before catastrophe results. Within that measured distance, you will have to MAKE IT RIGHT, or, God will have to ATONE FOR YOU. IF that He does, then you are indebted to God, who in turn will settle the score with you in whatever way He sees to be the most suitable at the time FOR THE LESSON TO BE ASSIMILATED.

The same TRUTH carries over into that sector of eternity, when every spirit-child of the Father stands before "the Great White Throne" and when "the books are opened." Then "with what judgment you have judged YOU SHALL BE JUDGED!" What would you have? The Spirit of love and generosity? Or that of inexorable justice! Or that of RESTORE ME FOURFOLD? Christ said we can NOW AND HERE mould the very spirit of God which shall in that great Day of Judgment, decree our lot!

And THAT is no exaggeration. Step up your vision into the next "frequency", and you will behold how THAT is but a portion of the selfsame LAW - of BALANCE! If we DO wrong or evil and God balances the matter for us; so similarly: IF in spirit we POUR FORTH GOOD, so in return God MUST RESTORE THE BALANCE-IN KIND!

It might seem like going too far - almost, to think that we can now determine and CHANNEL the Judgment of God. Yet Christ said we could! And THAT is but a correct STATEMENT OF IMMUTABLE LAW!

I have dwelt on LAW and its inexorable trigger-balance which snaps into action at the slightest touch by every cause. And I do believe that as yet man at large is so dense and coarse that he can be reached most readily thru AN UNDERSTANDING OF LAW. Yet

the LAW OF LOVE is by far the greater. To THAT end was CALVARY wrot by God, THAT LOVE MIGHT LIVE WITHIN THE HUMAN SOUL!

LOVE IS OF GOD; IT IS A PORTION OF HIS BEING; it is THAT WHICH brot about creation itself! And IF of sufficient potency to account for all of creation, then assuredly great enuf TOMAKE YOUR LIFE GLORIOUSLY RADIANT WHEN ONCE YOU TAP IT TO ITS FULL.

However, 'LOVE' is not our subject this time. Yet it has MANY FACETS. A few of these are: KINDNESS, Sympathy, Compassion, Patience, Tolerance, Honesty, and TRUTH. Yes, ALL OF THESE - and others - are but expressions of LOVE!

Here, in our dwelling on the Golden Rule, perhaps its closest keyword is 'KINDNESS.' Many are too dense to grasp much of LOVE, yet most of Christendom knows something about KINDNESS. And even tho many are as yet too selfish and blind to practise the Golden Rule thru an outwelling kindness, NEVERTHELESS, IT TOUCHES ON THE HIGHER LAW: THE VERY URGE BEHIND CREATION. DOING GOOD - for righteousness' sake may as yet be far above the common level of humanity's soul, but THAT is the standard to which He has sworn to conform us! It is the IMAGE which at long last we must fully reflect; it is the TRUTH which we must learn to express.

Can you look to the hungry and feel GOOD? to the cold and feel HAPPY? to the grieving and REJOICE? Is there not a spirit bond uniting one and all which tugs at the heart strings to give of self a portion that another may rejoice? And is there not a blissful happiness aroused within as JOY to another soul we bring?

THAT is the Spirit of our Father, uniting one and all; and by which spirit we shall again come into His presence.

THIS facet of love shimmering in the light and beauty of KINDNESS' face, is that which can transform the life of the individual, and bring salvation to a suiciding civilization. The smile of Kindness can LIGHT UP a dismal life, and lift a heart with sadness bent. The hand of Kindness feeds a hungry mouth and shelter gives the cold and worn. Kindness is a friend in need: an ANGEL's FORM to silhouette in memory when vision has grown dim thru years. Kindness is a magic touch to fire deep within the dying embers of hope forlorn; to rouse again the zest to LIVE and LOVE on

verdant carpetries of sunlit dreams. Yes, Kindness is that mystic muse with lilting song and waving wand, which lifts the wearied soul to rhapsodies o'er life's enchanted ways! Behold its magic and drink its joy, that the Father's face may beam on you. Yes, walk with its wand and talk to its sprite until its sorcery has wrot afresh - a new tapestry of life abloom with happiness.

SEE not thru eyes of SELF where all is ME AND MINE, but view the cosmic galaxy of LIFE for which a Father bled and died, that others - all - might hear His voice, and kindly lift a stranger by the way. THIS is the Master's healing touch which even we today, can lay upon the maimed and blind, groaning, groping by the way.

HEAR, then, His parabolic voicing of the Law, POWERED from on high - into the deep, that children of His Love should come to know that AS WE SOW SO SHALL WE REAP!

Behold the Father's face!

No. 7

THE 'MANSION' YOU ARE BUILDING

- * " Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe
- * also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it
- * were not so, I would have told you. I GO TO PREPARE A
- * PLACE FOR YOU....And if I go and prepare a place for you,
- * I will come again and receive you into myself; THAT WHERE
- * I AM, THERE YE MAY BE ALSO. AND WHITHER I GO YE
- * KNOW, AND THE WAY YE KNOW." - Jesus - John 14:1-4

THIS being the SEVENTH in this series, I want it somewhat conformed to the basic verity of that number which SOUNDS THE PITCH for the "bride of Jesus Christ." I have termed it, elsewhere, the "virgin number." Yet IF I were to choose a KEY-word for the message in mind this morning, I would say "BEAUTY". Yet, bear in mind that like unto a virgin on earth who reaches the peak of her BEAUTY, her charm and attractiveness at the flowering of her virginity: so on the spirit-plane of being BEAUTY and VIRGINITY are so closely allied that I am far from sure they can

be separated, or that any appreciable distinction can be made between them. Here, however, the student should bear in mind that the 'virginity' of which I speak is THAT in its stepped-up potential of AN ABSOLUTE FIDELITY TO THE '1' OF LIFE AND LIGHT. (Those who here do not fully perceive my thot should review what I have said about the number '7' in "Number Symbolism.")

"Let not your heart be troubled" is not my text this time; still it is a part and parcel of ITS SUBSTANCE; and without a portion of its essence it is doubtful that we can take on much of that BEAUTY which is required in the Bride of Jesus Christ. The person who is anxious and worried over this and that soon develops drawn features and 'worry lines.' Similarly for the INNER man: if we have not ceased from concern and entered into that INNER REST (7), there is grave danger of our deviating from the PATH OF SHEER BEAUTY.

Last time I spoke of LAW INESCAPABLE. This time it will be a variant thereof: "the Law of BEAUTY IN ARCHITECTURE"! ("I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU"!))

Children - in the night - IF drowse you must, then DREAM OF BEAUTY so cleancut and scintillating in its WHITE LIGHT, that the choicest words in our language can no more describe it than can an artist produce his masterpiece with sackcloth and soot....

"I go to prepare a place for you": When will our spiritual leaders awaken to the fact that His every utterance SPOKE VOLUMES? And surely on this one statement SHALL VOLUMES BE WRITTEN!

DROWSERS in the night: how you have circumscribed and COMMON-ized THE INEFFABLE GLORY which was LOVE PERSONIFIED thru TRUTH IN ACTION - WROT IN BEAUTY! And forever shall the magnificence of its grandeur impinge its light thru the endless reaches of space.....

I spoke to you of LAW INESCAPABLE, and that it is. But it does not cease where I cut off! It goes on and on. The seed of a selfish and ugly thot takes root in the human heart. Let us say it leads to a theft of some magnitude. As a consequence, one or more lies are told to "save face" and maybe to evade the law (enforced by man). The lie by itself becomes the cause of other effects. Perhaps the theft leads to a prison cell (as the effect for which the theft was the cause). And that term in prison will be the cause which brings into effect A CHANGED COURSE IN LIFE which

we might well term AN UNENDING CYCLE OF CAUSE AND EFFECT! And all because of one selfish and ugly thot-desire taking root within the human heart AND BRINGING FORTH IT'S FRUIT UNTO EVIL! In a figure it becomes the story of the "loss of the horseshoe nail" - for the lack of which shoe, horse and rider were lost; but magnified at least a thousandfold. HERE let us cut off the vista of ugliness....(How I shrink from the UNbeautiful! And well might you develop an ABHORENCE for it - which you would and FAST - were you to be given a look thru a rifted veil to behold the stark horror of UGLINESS on that plane of being where even THOTS take formation and color!)

* BEAUTY *: thou vestal virgin in the entrancing light, LIFT your gleaming wand and touch the sordid heart of man to cut it from pollutions borne by sin. THEN lift your veil that in your face the little ones might see the COLOR-SPLENDOR in procession - wrot thru the mystery of LOVE.

But DROWSERS, think you that one ugly thot can lead to the UN-beautiful thruout an entire life, yet what is GOOD and TRUE and BEAUTIFUL cease then and there? Not by a vast margin! HE said He would go away to BUILD for us a many-mansioned palace to house the ones for whom He bled and died.

Tell me then: WHAT is the material by which He builds? WHEN-CE is its source? WHAT is its substance? Does He send to Lebanon? Has He Hiram with Him? And what is the LAW of the building? (Drowzers AWAKEN!)

To answer these questions let me take you first to Rev. 21st ch., especially verses 2, 9-23, where we find a description of the "New Jerusalem" which John was given to see descending down from Heaven: that city of which God is the builder.

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Carefully observe v. 9 where the angel said: "I will show thee THE BRIDE, the Lamb's wife"! I want you to pause long enuf to get the distinction: NOT that which had been prepared as a gift for her, but rather, THE Bride! The wife of the Lamb IS the city!... Yet He said that He would go away and commence building. And I think we may rightly assume that when the Palace in its full dimensions is complete, THEN THE BRIDE WILL BE THERE TO POSSESS IT....But yet again: WHENCE the material, and WHAT its substance? (Or maybe you are one of those little children with embryo intellects who imagines God to be A MAGICIAN saying PRESTO! When BANG! There stands a palace in shimmering

beauty, reaching from earth to the throne of God? (Many children have fantastic and unfounded concepts of their father's greatness; similarly it is with many Christians with reference to God. They forget He is A REALIST, and always HONEST, always TRUE.)

I suppose many Christians are prone to think it pure 'happenstance' that Jesus was the son of a carpenter! Yet NOTHING was ever a happenstance in the marvels wrought by God. THE ABSOLUTE was and is A MASTER ARCHITECT; likewise "the Son"; He had to learn BUILDING, for, there were to be in His future an immense amount of it! Already more than 19 centuries He has been at it!

Distantly past - ere the dawn of the ageless mists began, God said: "LET THERE BE ----!" "And the Spirit of God vibrated ('moved') upon the face of the waters." VIBRATION was the magic by which God wrought! Bear now in mind that it is written: "I said Ye are gods---" (Ps. 82:6 and Jhn. 10:34). Wherefore, we too are BUILDERS - by vibration!

Beloved, what are YOU building? "---wood, hay, and stubble---"? Alas! ALL of that must PASS THRU HIS FIRE - AND PERISH! But IF you are wise, then are you building of "---gold, silver and precious stones" (see I Cor. 3:12-15). Refer again to Rev. 21: 18-19, and you will behold how THESE constitute the very substance of that building WHICH IS THE LAMB'S WIFE!

Can you not behold the amazing Truth, or must it be hammered into you? We are gods; we are VIBRATIONAL CENTERS: we are builders! And WE are the 'magicians' producing the SUBSTANCE for God's building; we are the alchemists: the body of flesh is the crucible in which are placed the different 'ores', while the soul (-body) is the retort for the chemistry of the precious jewels, and the SPIRIT supplies the heat.

Is the picture clear before you? Then look again! THOT is vibration! DESIRE is another mode of vibration! Our WORDS are vibration! DEEDS are the outcome of thot and desire, and engender much vibration. ALL of this is a form of CREATING by the little 'gods' we are. Some of this substance-material of our making is UNusable by the Master Architect, but, momentarily it is permitted to linger - awaiting the destroying flame. Yet other material produced in the crucible and extracted from the retort, becomes FIT FOR THE MASTER'S USE!

FIRST there is THE IMPREGNABLE FOUNDATION (Jesus Christ) LAID ONCE AND FOR ALL (I Cor. 3:11). THEREON we build, and become "God's building" (v. 9). Manifestly, IF our work of building is not set upon THE ONE AND ONLY FOUNDATION which God graciously provided, then such building can NEVER become "God's building." (v. 9)

So, we shall assume that you have had the native intelligence to appropriate for yourself that ONE AND ONLY FOUNDATION acceptable unto God. And that boldly IN THE BEING OF JESUS CHRIST - are all your labors wrot, to the end that they shall endure thru time and eternity FOUNDED IN THE IMPREGNABLE ROCK.....

You have thots of DOING GOOD. Let us say it is but minor - like visiting an aged widow in her solitude. Suddenly the Spirit stirs desire in your heart: thot and desire are fused into one - bearing fruit in ACTION.....Your THOT was not to swindle her out of money, but rather to bring a ray of sunshine into a dismal life. The desire was not for self - but for another. This thot-desire embryo within has a special vibrational pitch which is KEYED to the Being of Christ our Lord. As it strikes or passes thru the vortex of His own FIRE-CORE it receives an added DYNAMIC which adds TONE and LUSTRE and LIFE to the substance in process of formation. As the deed is wrot out, the SUBSTANCE IS nourished to greater proportion. And as appreciation (of a kind deed) wells from another heart with A BLESSING (even tho unspoken), pinpoints of LIGHT find and pierce the SUBSTANCE of your making until it glistens with the light of beauty.

- * THIS BECOMES THE AVAILABLE SUBSTANCE * USED BY JESUS CHRIST * IN HIS BUILDING OF THE NEW JERUSALEM * WHICH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST! * Therefore is it said that THE CITY is the Wife of the Lamb! * Thus, the bride and the City become synonymous terms. (Perhaps I should add: substantially but not factually. It is somewhat analogous to the tortoise and its shell. The shell is not the actual tortoise, yet it is ITS SUBSTANCE and a portion thereof. In a somewhat similar sense does THE CITY OF GOD become of the Bride.) WE are the producers; WE are supplying the precious substance which forms the lustrous metals and gems used by the Master(-builder). WE are the artisans FASHIONING the mighty beams of pure silver and gold which were wrot in the crucible and tested by the fire of His SPIRIT-TRUTH-LOVE. WE are the craftsmen cutting the many facets on jew-

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rare, and gems in worth beyond the reach of monarch's purse. While Christ our LORD is the MASTER Architect of the greater structure known as THE NEW JERUSALEM (or "THE Bride of Christ"). His messengers bear these precious treasures into the reaches of space (as yet) where rests the PATTERN (or mould) which is being filled.

Are your eyes opened? And your understanding quickened? Can you behold the material streaming in from 144,000 sources? Can you glimpse in a measure the grandeur of the edifice mounting up and spreading out under the hand of Jesus Christ?

And what are the DIMENSIONS of that suite which is being prepared for you? Is it small and cramped with furnishings sparse? And are its 'hangings' bare? THESE matters are dependent on the AMOUNT or VOLUME of your THOTS GOOD AND TRUE, FUSED WITH DESIRE IN THE LOVE OF HIS BEING - BEARING FRUIT IN GOOD WORKS! Therein we see the massiveness and the solidarity and fundamental verity of the love and mighty labors of such as Peter and John and the others who were seen to be FOUNDATIONS for the 'wall' of the Temple. (That is, their NAMES were inscribed thereon....Observe also: those 12 foundations were in and for the 'wall', or outside fortification, but not for the Temple itself.) Do you love roominess and expensive draperies? Would you gurgle in delight over a floor so clean and precious, it is translucent with not one speck of dust showing? IF so, then the darling of Jesus Christ had better MOVE WITH ALACRITY, "up and about the Father's business", for * YOU WILL HAVE * ONLY WHAT YOU ARE PROVIDING! *

It may not be for you to labor in the pagan fields of Africa or India; it may not be that you have a church or even a little mission to tend, yet YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITIES: WHAT ARE YOUR THOTS? Are 100% thereof channeled to Mammon? What are your emotions? Are they wishbones drumming out the cacophony of a spree in sin? But you are a creator! You are an artisan! You are a laborer with an immense amount of TIME and OPPORTUNITY at your command. GOOD thots fused with BEAUTIFUL desire will bear fruit in prayer; in KIND AND TRUE WORDS - which He will bless (unto fruit), in a life from morning till evening which is FOUNDED IN CHRIST, ORIENTED IN TRUTH, AND ENERGIZED BY LOVE.

- THESE - oh Vestal Virgin - are the ointments for the beautify -

of your complexion, and the costly substance of which you weave your "wedding garment." CHILD in the night, LIFT your eyes to higher planes and see the rapturous vision of His City in effulgent light.....Are YOU building there? And IF you are, it is but YOURSELF EXTERNALIZED in all of that (you are within) which THE FIRE can not consume! THAT which will not take the crucible heat of His Spirit must pass away and you will "suffer loss." But the BEAUTY of Kindness and Compassion; of Mercy wrot out as precious stones cut from GLORY; yes, the BEAUTY of Goodness and Truth bathed in the fragrance of LOVE: these - all- are the tried and fire-tested metals fluxing by His Spirit, which He rears ESPECIALLY FOR YOU into that mansion which you are : externalized in Heaven's Glory-land! A "self-contained suite" for your own individual use, but built into an edifice vast where dwell and intermingle that chosen number which shall mother His New Creation!

Will you open your mouth and 'shoot off your face' foolishly? Will you spend your time alone for Mammon channeled to SELF, that you may GO DOWN WITH YOUR BUILDING "set in the sides of the pit"? Are you still blind and cannot see? Must the fire CONSUME to the end that naked you shall be - to start again in eons distantly impending? Or did you hear a tapping at the door and let a Stranger in? Then, in that fellowship Divine shall bloom for you a life enraptured in delight, and yield "a needlework of fine-wrot GOLD.".....GRANT IT LORD.

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